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GENEVA FOR HRC DEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UN, SHUM

SUBJECT: UGANDA: SYG; HRC

REF: GENEVA 1413

1. DURING VISIT OF SYG TO WASHINGTON HE MADE CLEAR  
HIS WILLINGNESS TO BE ACTIVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM  
IN UGANDA BOTH WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL PROBLEM AND WITH  
RESPECT TO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM OF AMERICAN CITIZENS  
SUMMONED TO MEETING IN KAMPALA. IN FEBRUARY 26  
MEETING WITH SECRETARY, HE OFFERED TO SEND IMMEDIATELY  
TO KAMPALA TOP AFRICAN UN OFFICIAL, ASSISTANT SYG  
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ABBY FARAH WHO IS CURRENTLY ON A MISSION TO BOTSWANA.  
HE PROPOSED THAT FARAH COULD CARRY LETTER FROM HIM  
TO AMIN EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT SITUATION AND COULD  
AT SAME TIME ORALLY SEEK ASSURANCES FOR SAFETY OF  
AMERICANS. THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR  
THIS OFFER AND STATED HE WOULD RESPOND DEFINITELY  
BY END OF DAY.

2. LATER IN DAY, SECRETARY DECIDED THAT, IN VIEW OF INFORMATION REACHING US FROM UGANDA THROUGH UGANDAN AND GERMAN CHANNELS IMMEDIATE SITUATION INVOLVING AMERICAN CITIZENS DID NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INVOLVEMENT OF SYG REP AT THIS MOMENT THOUGH IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL

LATER. THIS VIEW, TOGETHER WITH SECRETARY'S THANKS CONVEYED TO ASSISTANT SYG BUFFUM BY PHONE SATURDAY EVENING WITH REQUEST THAT IT BE MADE KNOWN PROMPTLY TO SYG.

3. AT SAME TIME, ON BASIS OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECRETARY AND CHIEF OF HRC DEL ALLARD LOWENSTEIN, WE CONVEYED TO BUFFUM OUR HOPE THAT SYG COULD FIND WAY TO INDICATE EARLY IN WEEK THAT HE WAS RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO EXPECTED REQUEST OF HRC DEL IN CLOSED SESSION THAT HE TAKE INTEREST IN HR SITUATION IN UGANDA (AS PROPOSED IN DRAFT NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION ON UGANDA CASE WITHIN 1503 PROCEDURES REPORTED REFTEL). BUFFUM EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT SYG WOULD BE WILLING TO INDICATE PUBLICLY THAT HE WAS ACTING IN RESPONSE TO HRC REQUEST. THIS STEMMED FROM CONCERN ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY OF 1503 PROCEDURES AND FROM LEGAL ADVICE WHICH SYG HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMING HIS BELIEF THAT IT IMPROPER FOR SUB-ORGAN OF ECOSOC TO ATTEMPT TO ACTIVATE SYG. BUFFUM STATED THAT HE EXPECTED SYG WOULD CONVEY TO HRC HIS VIEW THAT: (1) HE WAS ALREADY INVOLVED IN UGANDAN MATTER ON BASIS CONFIDENTIAL

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OF HIS OWN INITIATIVE IN CALLING IN UGANDAN PERMREP AND THIS WAS PUBLICLY KNOWN; (2) HE WAS NOT WILLING TO APPEAR TO BE RESPONDING TO A HRC REQUEST TO DO SOMETHING CONFIDENTIALLY WHICH HE HAD ALREADY PUBLICLY INDICATED HE WAS UNDERTAKING ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY.

4. WE POINTED OUT TO BUFFUM, THAT IF SYG UNWILLING TO BE ACTIVATED BY HRC, UK MIGHT HAVE A PROBLEM IN SHOWING TO THEIR OWN PARLIAMENT THAT UK INITIATIVE HAD SUCCEEDED IN PRODUCING RESULTS ON UGANDAN PROBLEM. UK MIGHT THEN, WHEN ITS INITIATIVE IN CLOSED MEETING IN HRC FAILED, DECIDE TO PURSUE ITS INITIATIVE PUBLICLY AT A TIME WHEN FURTHER PUBLIC PRESSURE COULD AGGRAVATE SITUATION OF AMERICANS IN UGANDA. BUFFUM COUNSELLED US THAT THIS PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED IF NON-ALIGNED GROUP IN HRC DEL ALTERED THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION SO THAT IT NO LONGER ATTEMPTED TO ACTIVATE SYG BUT INSTEAD CALLED UPON UGANDAN GOVERNMENT TO

COOPERATE WITH SYG, PHRASING THEIR PROPOSAL SO THAT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY RECOGNIZED THAT SYG WAS ALREADY INVOLVED. IN THIS WAY, THE THRUST OF NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION WOULD BE MORE PROPERLY POINTED AT UGANDA RATHER THAN IMPROPERLY AT SYG AND UK DEL COULD REPORT TO LONDON THAT ITS INITIATIVE HAD BORNE SOME FRUIT. THIST THRUST MIGHT PERMIT UK TO SUPPORT NON-ALIGNED DRAFT RESOULTION AND WITHDRAW ITS OWN.

5. HRC DEL INSTRUCTED TO WORK IN THIS DIRECTION, CHECKING FIRST WITH HRC DIRECTOR AND HRC CHAIRMAN TO SEE WHETHER SYG VIEWS REGARDING DRAFT NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO COSPONSORS. IF COSPONSORS ARE ALREADY APPRISED OF SYG'S RESERVATIONS REGARDING PROPRIETY OF THEIR ACTIONS, HRC DEL MAY WISH TO SUGGEST FOREGOING STRATEGY TO UK DEL, POINTING OUT THAT THIS WOULD, IF SUCCESSFUL, PROVIDE BASIS  
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FOR CONSENSUS AND FOREGOING PUBLIC UK ACTION AT DELICATE MOMENT FOR AMERICANS IN UGANDA.

6. IF THIS STRATEGY SHOULD FAIL, AND NON-ALIGNED PROCEED WITH THEIR RESOLUTION, HRC DEL AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT MAKING STRONG SPEECH OF RESERVATIONS REGARDING COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED BUT CONCLUDING THAT SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT BETTER THAN NONE. HOPEFULLY, UK DEL COULD AT LEAST ABSTAIN IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. SHOULD UK DEL INSIST ON NEGATIVE VOTE HRC DEL AUTHORIZED TO ABSTAIN IF NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION REMAINS UNCHANGED AND IF SYG'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT IT GENERALLY KNOWN WITHIN THE COMMISSION.

7. IN VIEW OF REPORTS THAT AMIN HAS POSTPONED MEETING WITH AMERICANS UNTIL MARCH 2, HRC DEL SHOULD AVOID SCRUPULOUSLY, DURING PUBLIC DEBATE UNDER ITEM 12 ON MARCH 1 ANY REFERENCE TO PROBLEM OF HR VIOLATION IN UGANDA, EXPLAINING IF QUERIED BY PRESS, THAT THIS OMISSION RELATES TO NOW KNOWN FACT THAT UGANDA CASE HAS BEEN DEALT WITH IN CLOSED MEETINGS AND THAT WE THEREFORE WISH RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY OF PROCEDURES. THIS UNUSUAL CAUTION NECESSARY IN LIGHT OUR DESIRE AVOID ANY STIRRING UP OF AMIN ON EVE OF MEETING WITH AMERICANS. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH WEOS ABOUT ITEM 12 REGARDING STATEMENTS THAT THEY MAY MAKE UNDER THAT ITEM, HRC DEL SHOULD CALL THEIR ATTENTION TO IMPENDING MEETING MARCH 2 WITH AMERICANS IN KAMPALA URGING THAT THEY NOT MAKE SHARP OR DIRECT STATEMENTS WHICH COULD CONCEIVABLY CONTRIBUTE TO TENSIONS AT TIME OF THIS MEETING. SAME PRECAUTIONS NOT NECESSARY

WITH NON-ALIGNED AFRICAN DELS WHO IN ANY EVENT  
UNLIKELY PUBLICLY CRITICIZE UGANDA AND WHOSE  
CRITICISM IF EXPRESSED UNLIKELY TO BE DAMAGING.

8. DEL SHOULD REPORT IN DETAIL AT END OF DAY  
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FEBRUARY 28 ON HANDLING OF UGANDA ITEM. DEPT ALSO  
WISHES FULL REPORTING OF DEBATE ON MARCH 1 UNDER  
ITEM 12 AND RAPID TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION OF FULL  
STATEMENT BY HEAD OF DEL IN LIKELY EVENT THAT  
WIRE SERVICE REPORTING OF THAT SPEECH WILL PROVOKE

QUESTIONS TO DEPT PRESS SPOKESMAN. IN ADDITION,  
TELEPHONIC REPORT BY HRC DEL BETWEEN 3 AND 5 PM  
GENEVA TIME MARCH 1 WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

9. DEPT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING ASAP FULL TEXT  
OF USDEL SPEECH MADE ON IRANIAN PROPOSAL INASMUCH AS  
FAVORABLE IMPACT OF SPEECH IS STIMULATING REQUESTS  
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